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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No. ....10/638,212  
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Inventor.....Denerd Harstad et al.  
Assignee..... Key Technology, Inc.  
Group Art Unit.....3651  
Examiner ..... Douglas Hess  
Attorney's Docket No. ....KE2-0181  
Title: Gate Assembly

**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

To: Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended by one month to and including January 9, 2005 by the request for extension of time which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.